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Miss Lou Alta Melton,
1920 Arapahoe Avenue,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Miss Melton:

The women students in Engineering and Architecture at the University of Michigan are pleased to hear from women studying the same things in Colorado.

In 1914 we ascertained that there was then no society organized for women students in engineering and architecture, and at that time formed a society with the approval of the University authorities. The T-Square Society started with 14 charter members, one alumna resident member, and two honorary members,--the assistant secretary of the colleges, and the secretary to the head of the civil department. The object of the society was to promote acquaintance among the girls. The society pin is a small black triangle interlocked with a gold T-square, resembling the Greek letters delta tau.

At a meeting of the T-Square Society called to discuss your communication it was decided that we answer as a society instead of individually. We are interested in forming a national society and would like to learn your views on the subject.

On what basis had you thought of forming such a society? Would it be a business organization, as for instance the Amer. Soc. of Mech. Engrs., or honorary and secret such as Tau Beta Pi, or would it be in the form of a social sorority?

How would the national business of the organization be carried on, and how would national officers be elected?

In choosing active members, would it be your idea, as our rule is, to limit membership to girls enrolled in engineering and architecture?

Will the active members of each local organization be elected by the student members, or partially by faculty approval? If the latter, we think that scholarship, and professional and technical ability would be determining factors as well as personality.

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We would be interested in learning the results of your investigations among the other colleges. What lines of professional studies did you find chosen by the majority of women? Were there many in mechanical, electrical or chemical engineering?

The T-Square Society will be glad to come into a closer relationship with girls in other colleges pursuing the same studies and wish to help the work along in every way possible.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Smith

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